

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE



HELP FOR PARENTS STARTING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

Looking for resources for the new school year? Attend the *Connecting to the Community Information Night* hosted by Human Services on **Monday, August 8, 5 - 6:30 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center.

Human Services staff, along with representatives from VEAP, Oasis for Youth, Good in the Hood, Pond Family Center and Hennepin County's Mobile Child Crisis Unit will be sharing information on their programs for school supplies, food resources, early learning, and dental and mental health services.

For more information, call Human Services.

CONNECTING YOU TO YOUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES ARE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Human Services provides exceptional resources, programs and services to community members of all ages. Below is just a sampling of the wide variety of valuable programs and services available. You can find all these and more in the *Human Services Community Resource Catalog*. Pick up your catalog at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, or find it online.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: RESOURCE CATALOG.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-8733 or TTY 952-563-8740. To sign up for e-mail updates, go to the City's website, click on [E-Subscribe](#) and subscribe to "Human Services."

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN SERVICES.



HONORING OUR VETERANS PHOTOS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL PHOTO WALL

Human Services is seeking photos of veterans for its 2011 Veterans Photo Wall. Bring a photo, along with the individual's name, rank and years of service, to Creekside to submit it to the collection. Staff will scan your photo and promptly return the original. Photos will be on display throughout the month of November.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: VETERANS WALL.



LET YOUR CREATIVITY FLOW ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Do you like to write? Maybe you have a collection of poems hidden away in a drawer somewhere? Why not take a chance and enter your poem in the *Second Annual Human Services Division Senior Program Poetry Contest*. The competition is open to all adults, age 55 and older, and individuals with disabilities of any age. Contestants are able to submit up to two poems, which should include a cover sheet with the poem title and contact information. Typed or handwritten poems of any length and genre will be accepted.

For consideration, all poems should be submitted to Creekside Community Center by **Friday, September 23**. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, as well as five honorable mentions. A reception for contest winners and participants will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 6 - 8 p.m.**, at Creekside.

For more information, contact Jerry Neren at 952-888-9524 or e-mail jgneren@gmail.com.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: POETRY CONTEST.



ON THE ROAD FIND THE RIGHT FIT

Human Services will host a free CarFit session on **Saturday, September 17, 1 - 5 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center.

CarFit is a community-based educational program created by the American Society on Aging in collaboration with American Association of Retired People (AARP). Participants are taken through a 12-point checklist to make sure their vehicle is adjusted to safely fit its driver. This includes fitting the headrest properly to minimize injury in case of crash, adjusting mirrors to reduce blind spots and adjusting the driver's seat to ensure safe airbag deployment.

For information or to register, call 952-563-4948, or visit [our website](#).

WEBSITE KEYWORD: AARP.

REFRESH YOUR SKILLS STAY CURRENT ON TRAFFIC LAWS

Drivers age 50 and older should consider taking an AARP course that may qualify them for an auto insurance premium discount. The nation's first and largest refresher course is offered in **August** and **September**.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4948.

ENSURING YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS NOMINATE A BLOOMINGTON BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL

Nominations for the Business Recognition Award are currently being sought by the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and the Disability Employment Awareness Planning Committee. This award is presented annually to a Bloomington business, individual or organization that advances the employment of individuals with disabilities.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: DISABILITY AWARENESS.



EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OMAR BONDERUD AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission (HRC) is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. Each year, this award is proudly presented to an individual or organization that has contributed to ensuring human rights for residents of Bloomington.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: OMAR BONDERUD.

*Nominations for both the Business Recognition and Omar Bonderud awards are due **Friday, September 9**. To obtain a nomination form, call Human Services or visit the [City's website](#).*



LET'S DO LUNCH ENTERTAINING MEALS AND MORE

Human Services lunch events are held twice a month from **11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at Creekside Community Center. Reservations are required.

- **Movie Madness – Thursday, August 11**, play movie trivia and enjoy a movie, popcorn and door prizes.
- **Grandparent's Day – Monday, August 22**, bring your grandchild for lunch and fun activities such as face painting, cotton candy and door prizes.
- **Fall Harvest – Thursday, September 8**, the Bloomington Historical Society's Vonda Kelly will provide a historical back-to-school perspective and Superintendent of Bloomington Public Schools Les Fujitake will share a contemporary perspective.
- **Spanish Culture – Monday, September 19**, the flamenco dance group Zapitistas will perform followed by drawings for door prizes.



HANDMADE WITH LOVE CREEKSIDE COMES TO THE FARMERS MARKET

The Creekside Boutique will be at the Farmers Market on **Saturday, September 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** A wide variety of handcrafted items, including baby blankets, jewelry, birdhouses and more, will be available for purchase. All items are locally crafted by talented community members.

The Creekside Boutique, located in Creekside Community Center, is open Monday - Friday, 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:45 p.m. Evening hours are Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturdays in November and December, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information on the Farmers Market, *see page 1*.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: CREEKSIDE BOUTIQUE.